information about any such invitations to private doctors. In so far as Government doctors are concerned, no such invitation to aprticipate in any meeting or seminar to discuss the Bhopal Gas Tragedy was received.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Board for the Ichampally Project in Andhra Pradesh

243. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have urged the Central Government for using their good offices in convening a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for the approval of the constitution of the Central Board for the Ichampally Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter;

(c) whether the clearance from the Central Water Commission is pending in respect of the execution of the Project; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to expedite the clearance?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Government had requested the Centre to use its good offices for convening of an inter-State meeting for approval of the constitution of a Control Board for the champally Project.

(b) The Central Government took up the matter with the Governments of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to expedite the formulation of their Joint Control Board.

(c) No, Sir. The Project Report on Ichampally Project has not yet been submitted to the Central Water Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

Madras-Singapore shipping services

244. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to resume the Singapore-Madras shipping service;

(b) if so, by when the service is likely to be resumed; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are on to locate a suitable ship for operation on this route.

(c) Does not arise.

Number of vacant posts in J.N. Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry

245. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in the faculties of JIPMER, Pondicherry as on date;

(b) whether the MCI has given any deadline to the JIPMER, in this regard;

(c) by when the Government hope to fill them up; and

(d) whether the MCI has proposed to derecognise the Institute if the posts are not filled up in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Twenty-six

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The recruitment action for filling these posts through UPSC/DPC is at different stages.

(d) No such communication has been received from the Medical Council of India.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1985, to Unstarred Question 1485 regarding dificiency of teaching staff in NDA, Khadakwasla

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th May, 1985, to Unstarred Question 1458 regarding deficiency of teaching staff in NDA, Khadakwasla. (Placed in Library. *See* No LT—1213/85].

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Reports (1983-84) on the working of the University of Hyderabad and related papers

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report on the working of the University of Hyderabad, for the year 1983-84, and Review by Government thereon, together with a statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the Report. [Placed in Library *see* LT No. 1155/85].

(ii) Certified Annual Accounts of the Regional Engineering College, Silchar, for the year 1983-84 and the Audit Report thereon. [Placed in Library *See* LT. No. 1157/85]

RE. STATEMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF TALKS WITH THE AKALI LEADERS

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य प्रदेश) : सभापति जी, कल प्रधान मंत्री की अकाली नेता श्री लोंगोवाल जी से भेंट हुई, बातचीत हुई और अकाली दल के दो वरिष्ठ नेताओं की मंत्रिमंडल के राजनैतिक मामलों की उपस्थिति में काफी देर वार्ता हुई । समाचार-पत्रों से ज्ञात होता है कि दोनों तरफ इस बात से संतोष है कि चर्चा सौहार्दपूर्ण हुई और अच्छी हुई । मैं आग्रह करूंगा और सरकार के ऊपर ही छोड़ूंगा कि वह निर्णय करे कि इस मामले में क्या कहना चाहिए, कितना कहना चाहिए, कब कहना चाहिए, क्योंकि पंजाब की परिस्थिति के विवेचन के बारे में भले दो मत हों लेकिन इसमें दो मत नहीं हो सकते कि पंजाब की समस्या का शीघ्र से शीघ्र निवारण हो, यह राष्ट्रीय एकता के लिए परमावश्यक है और इसीलिए सम्पूर्ण देश चाहेगा कि वार्ता जो शुरू हुई है वह सफलता तक पहुंचे । मेरा आग्रह यह है कि एक चीज को पहचानना चाहिए, समझना चाहिए कि कुछ तत्व पंजाब में ऐसे होंगे जो चाहेंगे कि वार्ता सफल न हो वे कई प्रकार से इसको विफल करने की कोशिश करेंगे, गलत आचरण के द्वारा, गलत चीजों के प्रसारण के द्वारा प्रचार के द्वारा और इसलिए भी आवश्यक है कि वहां पर जितना शीघ्र हो सके, जितना सम्पूर्ण रूप से हो सके सदन को विश्वास में लें और इसीलिए मैं आपसे अनुमति ले करके सरकार से निवेदन करना चाहूँगा कि बातचीत की दिशा, बातचीत के मुद्दे, बातचीत में हुई प्रगति के बारे में जितनी शीघ्र हो सके सदन को विश्वास में लें और इसके बारे में एक वक्तव्य भी इसी सप्ताह में हो जाये तो बहुत अच्छा होगा ।

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Situation arising out of continued closure of a number of Jute Mills in West Bengal and the action taken by Government in the matter

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Balram to call the attention of the Minister. Not here.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I would call the attention of the Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister